

Amendments to the Specification

Please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, with the following:

Figure 1 illustrates a typical mobile telephone 11 which may be thought of as a "smart phone". The telephone 11 comprises a display 12 and a keyboard 13, as well as a central processing unit (or digital signal processor) 14. An antenna 15 and transceiver 16 of the telephone 11 enable the telephone to communicate in the normal way with a cellular telephone network 24 44, e.g. using the GSM protocol R12, having a number of Base Station Subsystems 25 45 and a Mobile Switching Centre 26 46. However, the central processing unit 14 is additionally able to communicate with the control unit 2 of the vending machine 1 using the previously mentioned standardised local air interface. The same antenna 15 and transceiver 16 may be used for such local communications although another antenna and transceiver may be required. As the telephone 11 is able to communicate using two different protocols, it may be considered a "dual-mode" telephone.

Please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, with the following:

Upon receipt of the Identification message at the vending machine 1, the central processing unit 3 of the control unit 2 initiates a telephone call to the operator of the cellular network 24 44 to which the mobile telephone 11 subscribes, either via a fixed line connection or via the cellular network. The identity of the operator, or a telephone number of the operator, may be returned to the control unit 2 in the Identification message. This telephone call is used by the control unit 2 to verify the identity of the mobile telephone 11 and to establish a billing relationship.